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National Security Should Not be a Partisan Effort

WASHINGTON D.C.— The House Armed Services Committee marked-up the Intelligence Reform bill today. Democrats were blocked from offering key amendments.

“Our national security is a serious issue, and there is no reason we should proceed in such a partisan way” said Representative Ike Skelton (MO), Ranking Member. “The politics that invariably color the work of this House late in an election year have been allowed to override the historically bipartisan way in which this committee has always operated.”

“Those of us on this side of the aisle are just as committed to a strong national defense and supporting our troops with quality battlefield intelligence, as our colleagues. There is no reason that we should not have been consulted in the drafting of this bill,” continued Skelton.

“While I protest the way in which this legislation has been handled, I am hopeful that what we’ve done will preserve the crucial element of battlefield intelligence for our troops on the ground,” Skelton remarked.

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